Revision of proceures to send experts abroad

5033. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are taking a fresh look at the procedures to send experts and IT professionals abroad in view of harassment of the Indian IT professionals in Kuala Lampur, London and Netherland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government, in consultation with the Ministry of HRD would revise the guidelines governing collaborations entered into by the Central universities and foreign educational institutions; and

(d) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA) : (a) No. The question of taking a fresh look at procedures to send experts and IT professionals abroad does not arise as no such procedures exist. In fact, experts and IT professionals are not sent abroad by Government but go on individual contracts or through Consultancy firms. They have to comply with rules.. regulations and procedures of employment and visa regulations of the recipient country.

(b) to (d) Does not arise

Money to Indian Terrorists

5034. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists in India are getting money from abroad;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which are financing terrorists in India;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of those foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Financial flows linked to terrorism normally occur through diverse and often deniable channels such as Hawala, which are difficult to trace back to specific countries. Government has taken up this matter with other

Governments and efforts are being made to better monitor and curb such financial flows.

Pendency of Extradition Cases

5035. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of extradition cases which are pending at present and how much expenditure Government have incurred on the engagement of advocates during the last two years; and

(b) whether Government propose to set up a separate panel of advocates for such court cases and if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA) : (a) Nine extradition requests from various foreign countries are pending at present with the judicial authorities in India. Expenditure incurred on engagement of advocates was Rs. 25,300 in 2001-2002 and Rs. 1,60,900 in 2002-2003.

(b) An in principle decision has been taken to set up a separate panel of advocates. The matter is being pursued with the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Assistance to Iraq

5036. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to supply about two million tonnes of wheat to Baghdad under the World Food Programme and grant Rs.100 crore to the UN's restarted 'Oil for Food' Programme for providing humanitarian relief to the war-ravaged people of Iraq;

(b) if so, whether Government are holding consultations with Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iran, Qatar and Turkey on this issue;

(c) if so, their response thereto; and

(d) to what extent wheat and aid has already been provided to Iraq?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA) : (a) In response to the UN emergency appeal, India has announced a contribution of $20 million in cash and kind, including 50,000 MT of wheat. The UN has also included 30 Indian pipeline contracts under its list of 327 priority contracts under the Oil for Food Programme.